

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

APPLICATION PROCESS ADR PROGRAM

1. Are applications still being accepted?

Yes. Periodic review will be made of applications depending on the number received.

2. If you have been on the Court's current list as an arbitrator and/or adjunct settlement judge (mediator), must you reapply to be a member of the new panel of neutrals?

Yes, anyone interested in serving as a mediator, evaluator and/or arbitrator must submit an application in accordance with the Court's ADR Policies and Procedures.

3. If approved to serve as a neutral for the ADR program, when will the required Orientation be offered?

As a prerequisite for serving as a mediator, evaluator and/or arbitrator, you must attend an Orientation offered by the Court. Times and dates will be announced when you receive your electronic notification of approval to serve. All Orientation sessions are held in the Training Room, third floor, Federal Courthouse, Seventh and Grant Streets.

4. Must I have 40 hours of training to serve as a mediator?

Yes. But if you are applying as a mediator for the Erie division ONLY, the the 40 hour mediation training must be satisfied by the end of 2008. As long as you certify that you will obtain the training by 12/31/08, you can apply now.

5. Must I apply on line?

All applications must be electronically submitted. Completed applications should be sent as an e-mail attachment to ADRCoordinator@pawd.uscourts.gov

6. Are there local mediation training opportunities?

To learn about local mediation training opportunities please contact the ADR Coordinator at ADRCoordinator@pawd.uscourts.gov.